

this country, delivering important supplies to the attack sites of New York City and Arlington, VA. Many of these truckers have been volunteering time, equipment, and use of their vehicles to supply these areas in efforts of relief, regardless of the escalating gas prices throughout the country. This is a commendable act, as airlines have been shut down and delivery has been severely restricted, truckers have responded to the call of America. I commend the work performed by this industry. We have often heard about those on the front line, but not of those in the shadows, holding part of America's infrastructure intact with their service. I say thank you to the hard-working men and women of the trucking industry who continue to contribute to the relief effort throughout the country.

#### LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Madam President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of this year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred September 25, 1994 in Hollywood, CA. Three men and five juveniles wielding baseball bats and a golf club allegedly assaulted two gay men. Juan Huiza, 19, and Marvin and Guillermo Hendriquez, both 20, were charged with suspicion of civil rights violations and assault with a deadly weapon.

I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation, we can change hearts and minds as well.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO DAVID R. CHEVALIER

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to former U.S. Army Sgt. David Chevalier of North Hampton, NH, for his heroic service to the United States of America during the Korean Conflict.

On June 13, 1953, David was injured in action while courageously serving his country in Korea. David has earned the Purple Heart medal for his dedicated service to our country with pride.

As a Vietnam veteran and son of a Naval aviator who died in a World War II related incident, I commend David for his selfless dedication to his state and country. He is an American hero who fought to preserve liberty and justice for all citizens of the United States. It is truly an honor and a privi-

lege to represent him in the U.S. Senate.●

##### TRIBUTE TO ELETROPAC COMPANY, INC.

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to Electropac Company, Incorporated, of Manchester, NH, on the celebration of their 25th year in business.

For 25 years, Electropac Company, Incorporated headed by Raymond Boissoneau, has provided high quality printed circuit boards to businesses in New Hampshire, the United States and worldwide markets. The company has constantly invested in the latest technology and processes and has produced innovative products for their customers.

Electropac is one of North America's leading suppliers of printed circuit boards with \$45 million in annual revenue and currently employs more than 400 dedicated team members. Electropac has consistently prided itself in their dedication to complete customer satisfaction and teamwork.

I commend the leadership and employees of Electropac for their exemplary accomplishments in the business world. The contributions of Electropac have been of significant benefit to the citizens of our state and have provided economic stimulus and employment opportunities. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent you in the U.S. Senate.●

##### TRIBUTE TO JAMES E. O'NEIL

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to James E. O'Neil of Chesterfield, NH, on being named as the Keene Chamber of Commerce 2001 Citizen of the Year.

Jim has served the community of Keene for many years contributing to the overall quality of life in the region. He is involved in leadership positions with organizations including the Monadnock United Way and Center Stage of Cheshire County and is a board member for Cheshire Medical Center and Monadnock Family Services. Jim is also an executive trustee of Kingsbury's charitable foundation to benefit the Chesterfield School.

Jim and his wife, Joan, have been married for 29 years and have two children: a daughter, Rachel, who resides in Cambridge, MA, and a son, Jay, a resident of Durham, NH.

I commend Jim for a lifetime of community service to the greater Keene area. He is an exemplary role model for the citizens of his community and our entire State. It is an honor and a privilege to represent him in the U.S. Senate.●

##### TRIBUTE TO COVER

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, I rise today to pay

tribute to COVER, a non-profit program based in Lebanon, NH.

The COVER organization works in partnership with low income, elderly and disabled citizens assisting them with urgent home repairs. The volunteers organized by COVER have successfully prevented the imminent displacement of more than 100 Upper Valley residents due to substandard or inaccessible housing.

The members of COVER work together to ensure that home repair projects are supplied with recycled materials to conserve natural resources. The volunteer labor pool allows cover to build positive relationships throughout the community bringing neighbors together to accomplish the refurbishing needs of area homes.

More than 700 hard working volunteers at COVER have completed more than 100 home repair projects in the Upper Valley region since 1998.

I applaud the tireless efforts of the organizers and volunteers of COVER. Their valuable contributions have aided and enriched the lives of the elderly and disabled citizens in the community. The citizens of Lebanon and our entire state owe a debt of gratitude to the COVER organization. New Hampshire is a better place in which to live because of their kind acts of charity. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

##### TRIBUTE TO ALEXANDER LEVERIS

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to Alec Leveris of Kensington, NH, for his heroic service to the United States of American during World War II.

On September 17, 2001, I will present Alec with the medals he so bravely earned while serving his nation in battle. Alex joined the U.S. Navy in Boston and was trained in Newport, RI. He served as an ordinary seaman on tours of duty on the U.S.S. *Yorktown* including the Battle of Midway and trained pilots to take off and land on the aircraft carrier, U.S.S. *Alabama*.

Alex earned medals for his dedicated military service including: the Honorable Service Lapel Button, a Combat Action Ribbon, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medals, a World War II Victory Medal, an American Campaign Medal, the Navy Good Conduct Medal and an Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal.

As a son of a Naval aviator who died in a World War II related incident, I commend Alex for his selfless dedication to his state and country. He is an American hero who fought to preserve liberty and justice for all citizens of the United States. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent him in the U.S. Senate.●

##### TRIBUTE TO LESLIE E. ROBERTS

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, I rise today to pay